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# **SHANGHAI MUNICIPAL POLICE**

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**SUBJECT:**

Abduction of a male Chorus from  
Paramount Ballroom — 18.4.0

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TWO PERSONS KIDNAPPED FROM PARAMOUNT  
BALLROOM BY ARMED MEN WHO USED HANDCUFFS.

Information has now been received at this station that early in the morning of 19-8-40, Mr. C.C.Wu telephoned to his room at the Pacific Hotel, and ordered his traps to be sent to 26 Jessfield Road (This is a branch of the organization at 76 Jessfield Road).

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Date 26/8/40

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THE PERSONS KIDNAPPED FROM PARAMOUNT BALLROOM  
BY ARMED MEN WHO USED HANDCUFFS.

At 11.15p.m. 18/8/40, Mr. Tsoong Tuh Ching (孫土清), manager of the Paramount Ballroom, Yu Yuen Road, came to the station and reported that four men, all armed with pistols, and carrying handcuffs, had come into the Ballroom, gone up to a table near the entrance, and attempted to take into custody the four persons who were sitting there.

Mr. Tsoong said he had run out as soon as he saw what was taking place, and thought the party might still be there.

A party under Insp. Curtis at once attended, but on arrival, the armed men had already gone, taking with them only two of the persons.

It appears that the armed men left in a hurry, fearing intervention by the Police, for they had handcuffed the two persons they left behind.

The two persons, Mr. Mien Tsung (閔聰), chemist, employed by the Tien Chee (天齊) Paint Factory, Sun Kai Au (深記屋) village, off Yu Yuen Road, and living at 600/66 Yu Yuen Road, and Mr. Wong Chee Tseng (黃赤生), employ merchant, 230/13 Avenue Road, were asked to come to this station where they gave the following story:-

Mr. C.C. Wu (吴昌昌), formerly an engineer in the Shanghai Telephone Co.,

former chief engineer, Park Hotel.

room 609, Pacific Hotel, B'Well Road.  
Mr. Zau Yung Ping (左永平), Tel. No. 61682,  
further particulars unknown.

Dr. Chung Tsoeng Chi (钟宗基),  
office at Hardeen Bldg.

and two females, believed to be dancing girls, and  
friends of Mr. Zau, took dinner at the Zah Yee Chuen  
(雅宜軒) Restaurant, Kwangse Road.

They went at the invitation of Mr. C.C. Wu who  
called them by telephone.

At dinner, no particular subject was discussed,  
and Mr. Zau suggested they go on to the Paramount.

Mr. Zau, accompanied by Mr. C.C. Wu and the two  
dancing girls, drove off in Mr. Zau's car, license  
number unknown, with a chauffeur at the wheel.

Dr. Chung went home, saying he was tired, and the  
two females had asked to be escorted home.

Mr. Zau and Mr. Wu arrived first at the Paramount  
Ballroom, Mr. Chan and Mr. Wong arriving later at 11  
o'clock, as they had travelled by motor bus.

They took a table near the entrance, ordered  
drinks, and had been sitting down for about five

... carrying such  
things as a pistol. At the moment yet he  
had no idea what he wanted, so he  
wrote a note and told him not be afraid, come with  
us. Handcuffs were then produced, and they proceeded  
to put them on Mr. Zau, Mr. C.C. Wu, Mr. Bian and Mr.  
Wong.

However, the four armed men began to get nervous,  
and went out with only Mr. Zau and Mr. C.C. Wu.

It is probable that the armed men drove away with  
their captives in Mr. Zau's car, for both the car and  
the chauffeur have disappeared from outside the Para-  
mount Ballroom.

The Telephone Directory give the particulars of  
Mr. Zau as

V. P. Zau (葛士才),  
613/42 Ave. Jeffre.

A telephone call was put through, but the person  
at the other end, a servant, could give no information.  
He did not know the number of his master's car.

Mr. Bian and Mr. Wong state they can give no  
reason whatsoever for the affair. Mr. Zau they  
believed, was formerly a member of the National Govern-  
ment. Mr. C.C. Wu arrived in Shanghai about a month  
ago from Hong Kong. They know nothing of his activi-  
ties.

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The description of the four armed men is:-

All armed, all young men,  
all wearing Mand short pants,  
Shanghai dialect.

Informed:-

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TWO PERSONS KIDNAPPED FROM PARAMOUNT BALLROOM  
BY ARMED MAN WHO USED HANDCUFFS.

Motor car, licence No. 7029, the property of Mr. V.P. Tsui, has been located. It was seen outside the Paramount at 8 a.m. 19/8/40. The chauffeur Tsang Lee Sung (H.K.T. 4), permit No. 19031 states that he drove his master, accompanied by another man and a woman (this would be Mrs. C.C. Wu and one of the dancing girls) to the Paramount Ballroom. Later, he took the car west along Yu Yuen Road and took dinner. He then drove the car back to the Paramount and awaited the arrival of his master.

The chauffeur denies that he saw his master leave the Ballroom, and when brought to the station was under the impression his master was still inside.

Mrs. V.P. Tsui, the chauffeur states, is a Customs broker, with offices at 300 French Bund.

The chauffeur and the car have been detained at this station pending further instructions.

*John Gaskin* *W. Charnfield*  
Date Det. 11.8.  
B.D.O. "D" 207.

TO THE PARADE UNIT BATTALION  
AND TO THE POLICE HEADQUARTERS.

The following information was received that  
John Doe was a spy agent attached to 76 Jessfield Road  
and that he was arrested on instructions of  
76 Jessfield Road on suspicion of being a member of an  
assassination group which recently arrived from  
Chungking via Hongkong.

*John C. Bishop*  
Det. Inspector

D.D.O. "B" Div.

August 19, 1940.

Morning Translation

National Herald, Chinese-American Daily News, Shun Pao, Sin Wan  
Pao :-

Two Men Kidnapped From Paramount Ballroom

At 12.15 a.m. to-day, while four men were sitting at a table in Paramount Ballroom on Yu Yuen Road, four armed male Chinese entered and handcuffed two of the men, stating that they had been ordered to effect their arrest. The two men were then taken to a waiting motor car which drove away immediately. The remaining two guests then made a report to Bubbling Well Police Station.

According to information secured by our reporter, the two abducted men are Zau Wen-ping (蔡文平), residing at House 42, Passage 613, Avenue Joffre, who was formerly a politician, and the other is Woo (吴), an engineer, residing at Room No. 609, Golden Gate Hotel (金門大酒店), Bubbling Well Road. The names of the other two guests are Wong Chien-chong (王健忠) and Pi Cheng (畢成), friends of the abducted men.

The Police are conducting an investigation into the affair.

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